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Listening Tour Scheduled by Commission for Effective Community Inclusion of Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

The Commission on Effective Community Inclusion of Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities will hold a "Listening Tour" with meetings in four locations in January and February.

The Commission was established by Governor Martin O'Malley on September 23 to develop recommendations about the types of training standards that Maryland should adopt to educate people who interact with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) — particularly those in public sector positions such as law enforcement officials, paramedics and other first responders — about the best approaches for safely managing situations involving individuals with IDD.

The Commission has announced the Listening Tour so it can hear from the public about working towards the goal of more effective inclusion for individuals with IDD. The Commission is inviting people with disabilities, family members, disability organizations and other interested individuals to take part in its public sessions. The topics the commission hopes to discuss are:

- What do law enforcement personnel and other first responders in Maryland need to know when working with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- What training should Maryland provide for law enforcement personnel and other first responders?
- What kinds of community outreach activities should law enforcement personnel and other first responders conduct in order to raise awareness about effective first responder approaches for interacting with people with IDD?
- The Commission is proposing a community inclusion model in order to improve understanding and effective interactions between first responders and other public agencies that have frequent contact with people who have intellectual and developmental disabilities. It welcomes comments from members of the public who have ideas about what would work to create a more inclusive community for all.

EDITORS: The list of locations and dates for the listening tour is attached.

Listening Tour: Commission for Effective Community Inclusion of Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

January 16, 2014: Silver Spring, MD

Montgomery College Cultural Arts Center 7995 Georgia Ave. Silver Spring, MD 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.

January 28, 2014: Catonsville, MD

Community College of Baltimore County, Catonsville Campus 800 S. Rolling Rd.
Baltimore, MD
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

February 10, 2014: Easton, MD

Talbot County Community Center 10028 Ocean Gateway Easton, MD 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

February 22, 2014: Frederick County, MD

The Arc of Frederick County 620 Research Ct. Frederick, MD 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Editors: For additional information, contact Bill Toohey, btoohey@goccp.state.md.us

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First Meeting of Listening Tour Scheduled by MD Commission For Effective Community Inclusion Of Individuals With Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

The Maryland Commission For Effective Community Inclusion Of Individuals With Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities will hold the first session of its Listening Tour from **6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 16** at the **Montgomery College Cultural Arts Center, 7995 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD.**

The commission would like to hear from people with disabilities, family members, disability organizations, and other interested individuals about:

- What do law enforcement personnel and other first responders in Maryland need to know when working with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities?
- What should Maryland provide regarding training for law enforcement personnel and other first responders?
- What kinds of community outreach activities should law enforcement personnel and other first responders
 conduct in order to raise awareness about effective first responder approaches for interacting with people
 with intellectual and developmental disabilities?
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 effective interactions between first responders and other public agencies that have frequent contact with
 people who have intellectual and developmental disabilities. Do members of the public have ideas about
 what would work in these areas to create a more inclusive community for all?

This is the first of four sessions on the listening tour. The other three will be held:

January 28, 2014 Catonsville, MD, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.: Community College of Baltimore County, Catonsville Campus, Center for the Arts, 800 S. Rolling Road, Baltimore, MD

February 10, 2014, Easton, MD 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.: Talbot County Community Center, Wye Oak Room, 10028 Ocean Gateway, Easton, MD

February 22, 2014 Frederick County Maryland, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. The Arc of Frederick County, 620 Research Ct., Frederick, MD.

Additional Information on the Commission and its activities can be found on the web at: http://www.goccp.maryland.gov/iddc/index.php



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Second Meeting of Listening Tour Scheduled by MD Commission For Effective Community Inclusion Of Individuals With Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

The Maryland Commission For Effective Community Inclusion Of Individuals With Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities will hold the second session of its Listening Tour from **6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 28** at the **Community College of Baltimore County, Catonsville Campus, 800 S. Rolling Rd., Baltimore, MD – Center for the Arts.**

The commission would like to hear from people with disabilities, family members, disability organizations, and other interested individuals about:

- What do law enforcement personnel and other first responders in Maryland need to know when working with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities?
- What should Maryland provide regarding training for law enforcement personnel and other first responders?
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 conduct in order to raise awareness about effective first responder approaches for interacting with people
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This is the second of four sessions on the listening tour. The remaining two will be held:

February 10, 2014, Easton, MD 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.: Talbot County Community Center, Wye Oak Room, 10028 Ocean Gateway, Easton, MD

February 22, 2014 Frederick County Maryland, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. The Arc of Frederick County, 620 Research Ct., Frederick, MD.

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Third Meeting of Listening Tour Scheduled by MD Commission For Effective Community Inclusion Of Individuals With Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

On February 10, The Maryland Commission For Effective Community Inclusion Of Individuals With Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities will hold the third session of its Listening Tour. The event will be held from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Talbot County Community Center, Wye Oak Room, 10028 Ocean Gateway, Easton, MD.

The commission would like to hear from people with disabilities, family members, disability organizations, and other interested individuals about:

- What do law enforcement personnel and other first responders in Maryland need to know when working with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities?
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This is the third of four sessions on the listening tour. The fourth and final session will be held:

February 22, 2014 Frederick County Maryland, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at The Arc of Frederick County, 620 Research Ct., Frederick, MD.

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Fourth Meeting of Listening Tour Scheduled by MD Commission For Effective Community Inclusion Of Individuals With Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

On February 22, The Maryland Commission For Effective Community Inclusion Of Individuals With Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities will hold the fourth and final session of its Listening Tour. The event will be held at the Arc of Frederick County, 620 Research Ct. Frederick, MD from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

(Editors: Please note that this is a change from the originally scheduled time which was 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.)

The first three stops of the Commission's Listening Tour were in Silver Spring, Catonsville, and Easton. During these sessions, Commission members heard from people with disabilities, family members, disability organizations, and other interested individuals about:

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 what would work in these areas to create a more inclusive community for all?

This is the final session of four sessions on the Listening Tour. The Commission will meet in March to review what it has learned so far in its work, and determine its direction for the future.

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Maryland Awards \$287,702 to Help Victims of Sexual Assault

Organizations from Garrett County to Talbot County have been awarded a total of \$287,702 to help victims of sexual assault. The funds have been awarded by the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention (GOCCP), through the Sexual Assault Services Formula Grant Program (SASP).

SASP is the first federal funding stream solely dedicated to the provision of direct intervention and related assistance for victims of sexual assault. SASP provides a wide variety of services: intervention, advocacy, accompaniment (i.e., accompanying victims to court, medical facilities, police departments, etc.), support services, and related assistance for adult, youth, and child victims of sexual assault. SASP also provides assistance for family and household members of victims, and those collaterally affected by the sexual assault.

SASP directs grant dollars to support rape crisis centers that provide core services, direct intervention, and related assistance to victims of sexual assault. Funds provided through the program are designed to supplement other funding sources directed at addressing sexual assault on the State level.

Rape crisis centers play a vital role in assisting sexual assault victims through the healing process, as well as assisting victims through the medical, criminal justice, and other social support systems. In order to provide comprehensive services to victims of sexual assault, the SASP program assists states in supporting rape crisis centers in the provision of direct intervention and related assistance.

SASP was created by the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (VAWA 2005), 42 U.S.C. §14043g,

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EDITORS: A table with a county-by-county breakdown of the grants is attached

RECIPIENTS, SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES PROGRAM, APRIL 1, 2014					
APPLICANT AGENCY	Project Title	Amount	County		
YWCA of Annapolis & Anne Arundel County	YWCA BI-LINGUAL ADVOCATE FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS	\$17,809	Annapolis		
TurnAround, Inc.	SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES PROGRAM	\$27,000	BALTIMORE CITY AND COUNTY		
RAPE CRISIS INTERVENTION SERVICE OF CARROLL COUNTY	RCIS DIRECT SERVICES PROGRAM	\$18,000	Carroll		
Center for Abused Persons	SEXUAL ASSAULT COUNSELING SERVICES IN CHARLES COUNTY	\$18,000	Charles		
HEARTLY HOUSE, INC.	Sexual Assault Services	\$18,000	Frederick		
DOVE CENTER	Sexual Assault Services	\$17,989	Garrett		
SEXUAL ASSAULT /SPOUSE ABUSE RESOURCE CENTER (SARC)	CRISIS SUPPORT SERVICES	\$18,000	Harford		
Domestic Violence Center of Howard County	SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS' ADVOCATES	\$17,950	Howard		
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GENERAL HOSPITAL	VICTIM ADVOCACY	\$18,000	Prince George's		
Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MCASA)	SEXUAL ASSAULT ATTORNEY SUPPORT	\$27,000	Statewide		
FOR ALL SEASONS, INC.	Rape/Sexual Assault Services for Maryland's Mid-SHore	\$27,000	Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Talbot		
CASA, Inc.	Rape/Sexual Assault/Abuse Victim Services	\$18,000	Washington		
Life Crisis Center, Inc.	Lower Shore Sexual Assault Outreach	\$26,954	Somerset, Wicomico, Worcester		
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Total \$287,702

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Maryland State Board of Victim Services to Hold Governor's Victim Assistance Awards Luncheon

Throughout the month of April, organizations and agencies across Maryland hold events to honor and memorialize victims of crime. As part of these observations, the Maryland State Board of Victim Services has scheduled an awards luncheon to honor those who have gone above and beyond to help crime victims. The event will highlight individuals and agencies in both the public and private sector who have demonstrated outstanding performance in providing services and support to Maryland's victims of crime during the 2013 calendar year.

DATE: April 3, 2014

TIME: 11:30 am – 2:30 pm WHERE: La Fontaine Bleue

> 7514 Ritchie Highway Glen Burnie, MD 21601

The keynote speaker is a victim, Marlyn Evans. Marlyn Evans was born in Guyana, South America, and emigrated to the United States with her two children, Reina and Colin, twenty-six years ago. She has a bachelor's degree in nursing from Bowie State University. For many years, she has worked as Clinical Care Nurse and Nurse Manager at Medstar Washington Hospital Center. In November of 2006, her family was devastated by the brutal murder of their daughter, Reina. Since that time, Ms. Evans has endured trials and numerous court proceedings. Her family has been deeply affected and changed by the violent death of their daughter, mother and sister. Ms. Evans will share her family's story.

The luncheon is held each year to show appreciation and recognition to an individual, agency, organization or group that does meritorious work on behalf of crime victims or in furtherance of the crime victims' movement in Maryland. The award recognizes outstanding work done in the area of victim advocacy and services that exceeds expected work responsibilities, and exemplifies a high level of commitment and dedication to the field of victims' rights and services and to the victims themselves.

2014 Governor's Victim Assistance Individual Award Recipients

Outstanding Criminal Justice Professional Detective Michael Davies

Frederick County Sheriff's Office
PSO Jackie Ligitum
Salisbury Police Department
Minjor Elaine Moore
Prince George's County Police Department

Charles W. Rapp
Maryland Police and Correctional
Training Commissions

Outstanding Victim Services Professional

Michaela Benson
Safe House of Hope
Faye Bradstoots
Anne Arundel County State's Attorney's Office
Srephanie Brandauist

Stephanie Brandquist Anne Arundel County State's Attorney's Office Rocio Gillis

Baltimore County State's Attorney's Office Debbie Harden Charles County State's Attorney's Office

Beth Hubble Frederick County States Attorney's Office

Tya Johnson Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office Michelle Lee

Maryland Criminal Injuries Compensation Board Rebecca Marcolini

Rebecca Marcolini
State's Attorney's Office for Montgomery County

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Lori McClain
Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office
Manipus Mirchell

Monique Mitchell
Roberta's House
Ann Myers
TurnAround, Inc.

Heartly House, Inc.

April Rectanus, MA, LCPC
Care Clinic, Department of Pediatrics,
University of Maryland School Of Medicine

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Outstanding Media or Communications Professional

nunications Profession Joseph Aiello, Jr. Bowie Blade News

DOWNE DIAGETYENS Outstanding Volunteer Contribution

to Victim Services
Joan Blum
Anne Arundel County Domestic Violence
Coordinating Counsel
Roxanne Melgar, LCSW-C
TurnAround, Inc.

Gale Seaton Victim, Survivor and Volunteer

Outstanding Contribution to Victim Services

A Mother's Cry

Cynthia M. Lifsan, Esq.

Legislative Council of Maryland Network
Against Domestic Violence

Karalyn Mulligan Prince George's Hospital Center Dr. Tanya L. Sharpe

Dr. Tanya L. Sharpe
University of Maryland School of Social Work
Vincent Taylor
Anne Arundel County Partnership for

Group Award Recipients

Children, Youth and Families

Baltimore Child Abuse Center
Outstanding Victim Services Professional
Victim Witness Unit, Haggerstown Police Department
Outstanding Volunteer Contribution
to Victim Services

Montgonery County Steriffs Office, Family Division
Outstanding Victim Services Professional
Paula and Bill Morris of Morris Architects'
Outstanding Volunteer Contribution
to Victim Services

Outstanding Victim Services Professional Roberta's House Outstanding Contribution to Victim Services Outstanding Contribution to Victim Services

Claudia Poole and S. Ellen Wallis - Cafy, Inc.

2014 Governor's Victim Assistance Awards Luncheon

Reception /Seating

Master of Ceremonies

Margery Patten Maryland State Board of Victim Services

Welcome

Tanımy Brown, Executive Director Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention

Vincent Roper Memorial Award Vera J. Price

(Accepted by Rev. Wayne Price) Introduced by: Debra Tall Presented by: Roberta Roper

Keynote Speaker Marlyn Evans

Lunch Served

Virginia Mahoney Memorial Award The Honorable Angela D. Alsobrooks

Prince George's County State's Attorney Presented by: Leslie Graves, Theresa Middleton and Margery Patten

Henry Gleim Memorial Award

Robin Haskins, Deputy Chief Victim/Witness Services Unit Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office Presented by: Kim Holmes, LCSIV-C

2014 Governor 's Victim Assistance Awards Readers: Scott Beard, Barbara Bond, Sheriff Gary Hofmann,

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Closing Remarks



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Murder Victims and the Missing To Be Honored Statewide This Weekend

25th Annual Statewide Memorial Services: "Something Beautiful Remains"

Four annual statewide memorial services of hope and remembrance to honor Maryland's murdered and missing crime victims will be held this year in Baltimore City, and Calvert, Worcester and Montgomery Counties on Sunday, April 6. The annual Memorial Services, entitled "Something Beautiful Remains," will unite families and friends of crime victims, victim service professionals, and public officials for the twenty-fifth annual event. The memorial services are sponsored by the Maryland State Board of Victim Services and the State's Attorney's Offices in each of the four regions.

Each year, the services mark the beginning of Maryland's observance of National Crime Victims' Rights Week and feature inspirational speakers, musical performances, and quiet reflection. Family members and advocate volunteers will read the names of over 2,000 Maryland homicide, vehicular manslaughter, and missing crime victims.

Memorials will be held in four locations, hosted by local States' Attorney's Offices and the Maryland State Board of Victim Services:

NORTHERN REGION

Digital Harbor High School
1100 Covington Street
Baltimore, MD 21230
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Anne Arundel, Baltimore City, Baltimore, Cecil,
Harford, Howard

EASTERN REGION Ocean City Marlin Club9659 Golf Course Road Ocean City, MD 21842 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm Carolina, Dorchester, Kont, Queen Appelo

Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, Worcester

Participants who would like to bring a photograph of loved one(s) to share on the Memorial Photo Wall, are invited to bring a photo no larger than 5x7 and are asked to please remember to take the photo at the end of the service.

SOUTHERN REGION North Beach Volunteer Fire Department

8536 Bayside Road Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm Calvert, Charles, Prince George's, St. Mary's

WESTERN REGION

Hilton Hotel Rockville
1750 Rockville Pike
Rockville, MD 20852
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Allegany, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett,
Montgomery, Washington

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Governor O'Malley Announces Four DNA Police Labs to Receive State Funding

Resources will Enable the Agencies to Continue Managing Their Caseloads Most Effectively

ANNAPOLIS, MD (May 155, 2014) —Governor Martin O'Malley today announced that the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention (GOCCP) has awarded \$428,000 in grant funding to four law enforcement DNA Crime Labs in Maryland. DNA crime laboratories run by the Maryland State Police, the Baltimore Police Department, the Prince George's County Police Department and the Montgomery County Police Department will use the funds as they process evidence in rape and sexual assault cases.

"One of Maryland's core crime fighting strategies" said Governor O'Malley, "is to maximize the use of DNA evidence to convict the guilty and exonerate the innocent. These grants to help our law enforcement agencies process DNA evidence in rape and sexual assault cases demonstrate our ongoing commitment to using this valuable crime fighting tool."

"Over the past eight years, we've been able to drive crime down violent crime against women and children by 23 percent by working directly with communities and giving local law enforcement the resources they need to succeed," said Lt. Governor Anthony Brown. "By investing over \$400,000 in these four DNA crime labs, we're going continue our efforts to end rape and sexual assault throughout Maryland and make our state safer for all of our families."

"This grant funding is enabling us to prepare for the predictable increase in cases that unfortunately is known to occur during the summer," Colonel Marcus L. Brown, Superintendent of the Maryland State Police said. "The additional funding permits us to ensure casework is completed as soon as possible, providing police and prosecutors the available information and evidence that can be vital to the successful investigation and prosecution of rapes and sexual assaults."

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The grants will distribute funding as follows:

Maryland State Police: \$132,000

Baltimore Police Dept: \$122,000

Prince George's County Police Department: \$138,000

Montgomery County Police Department: \$36,000

As a result of legislation signed by Governor O'Malley in 2009, individuals charged with crimes of violence, 1st, 2nd, or 3rd degree burglary or attempts to commit these crimes are now required to provide a DNA sample.

Since 2006, Maryland has more than quadrupled the number of DNA profiles it has entered into CODIS, the FBI's Combined DNA Index System. Maryland now has more than 111,000 convicted or charged offender profiles in CODIS.

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Governor's Commission to Reform Maryland's Pretrial System To Hold Its First Meeting

The Governor's Commission to Reform Maryland's Pretrial System will hold its first meeting on Thursday, June 26 at 1:00 p.m. in Rooms 5 and 6 at the Judiciary Education and Conference Center, 2011D Commerce Park Drive, Annapolis, Maryland, 21401.

The Commission was established by Governor Martin O'Malley when he issued an Executive Order on May 27, 2014. Members of the Commission will examine the pretrial justice system in Maryland, look at best practices from around the country, and assess the use of an objective risk assessment tool to inform pretrial release determinations.

In 2012, the Commission to Study the Laws and Policies Relating to Representation of Indigent Criminal Defendants by the Office of the Public Defender recommended that the State implement a validated risk assessment tool and establish a statewide pretrial system in Maryland. The Governor's Commission to Reform Maryland's Pretrial System will build on this previous Commission's recommendations, and move the reform process forward.

The Commission will issue its final report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Delegates by December 1, 2014. Additional information on the Commission and its responsibilities can be found at: http://goccp.maryland.gov/pretrial/

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EDITORS: A list of the Commission members is attached.

Members the Governor's Commission to Reform Maryland's Pretrial System

Governor's Appointees:

- 1. Richard M. Karceski, Esq. Chair. Mr. Karceski has his own legal practice in Towson and is a member of the Commission on Judicial Disabilities. He resides in Howard County.
- 2. Hon. Scott D. Shellenberger State's Attorney's representative. Mr. Shellenberger is the State's Attorney for Baltimore County and is Vice President of Legislation for the Maryland State's Attorneys' Association.
- 3. Paul F. Kemp, Esq. Maryland State Bar Association representative. Mr. Kemp is an Attorney with Ethridge, Quinn, Kemp, Rowan & Hartinger. He resides in Washington County.
- 4. Hon. Jesse Bane Local Law Enforcement representative. Mr. Bane is the Sheriff of Harford County.
- 5. Brian J. Frank, Esq. Bail Bond Industry representative. Mr. Frank is CEO, President and Director of Lexington National Insurance Corporation. He resides in Baltimore County.
- 6. Capt. Michael R. Merican Maryland Correctional Administration Association representative. Captain Merican is a Police Captain and Warden for the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office. He resides in St. Mary's County.
- 7. Mary Lou McDonough Maryland Correctional Administration Association representative. Ms. McDonough is Director of the Prince George's County Department of Corrections. She resides in Prince George's County.
- 8. Dorothy J. Lennig, Esq. Victim Advocate. Ms. Lennig is Director of the House of Ruth Maryland Domestic Violence Legal Clinic. She resides in Howard County.
- 9. Cherise Fanno Burdeen National Expert in Pretrial Services. Ms. Burdeen is Executive Director of the Pretrial Justice Institute. She resides in Montgomery County.
- 10. Angela Y. Talley Local Government representative. Ms. Talley is Division Chief of Pretrial Services for Montgomery County. She resides in Frederick County.
- 11. Timothy F. Maloney, Esq. Member. Mr. Maloney is an Attorney with Joseph, Greenwald and Laake. He resides in Montgomery County.
- 12. Hon. Steven I. Platt Member. Judge Platt formerly served as a Judge of the Circuit Court, District Court and Orphans' Court for Prince George's County. He currently serves as President of The Platt Group, Inc. He resides in Anne Arundel County.
- 13. Rev. Dr. Sheridan Todd Yeary Member. Rev. Dr. Yeary is Senior Pastor of the Douglas Memorial Community Church and is a member of the NAACP Maryland State Conference. He resides in Howard County.

- 14. Michael Schatzow, Esq. Member. Mr. Schatzow is an Attorney with Venable, LLP. He resides in Baltimore City.
- 15. Jacqueline Robarge Member. Ms. Robarge is the Founder of Power Inside, a human rights and harm reduction organization that serves women and girls who are survivors of gender-based violence and oppression. She resides in Baltimore City.

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Other members of the Governor's Commission to Reform Maryland's Pretrial System as specified in the Executive Order

2 members are appointed by the President of the Senate: Sen. Christopher Shank and Sen. Robert Zirkin

2 members are appointed by the Speaker of the House: Del. Joseline Pena-Melnyk and Del. Luke Clippinger

Secretary of DPSCS or designee: Wendell M. France, Operations Regional Executive Director – Central

Executive Director of GOCCP: Tammy M. Brown

Chief Judge of the Court or Appeals or designee: Hon. John P. Morrissey, Chief Judge of the District Courts

Public Defender of MD: Paul DeWolfe



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Governor's Commission to Reform Maryland's Pretrial System To Hold Its Second Meeting

The Governor's Commission to Reform Maryland's Pretrial System will hold its second meeting on Tuesday, July 15 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 145 in the Lowe Office Building (House of Delegates Building), 6 Bladen Street, Annapolis, Maryland, 21401.

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	Cumberland Police Department	\$ 10,000.00
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Anne Arundel	Organization	\$ Approved
	Annapolis Police Department	\$ 14,970.00
	Anne Arundel County	\$ 15,000.00
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Baltimore	Organization	\$ Approved
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	Carroll County Sheriff's Office	\$ 13,000.00
	Taneytown Police Department	\$ 2,000.00
	Town of Hampstead	\$ 5,000.00
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	MSP-La Plata Barrack	\$ 7,000.00
	Charles County Sheriff's Office	\$ 12,000.00
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Dorchester	Organization	\$ Approved
	Dorchester County Government	\$ 24,000.00
	Cambridge Police Department	\$ 9,000.00
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Frederick	Organization	\$ Approved
	MSP-Frederick Barrack	\$ 9,000.00
	Frederick City Police Department	\$ 15,000.00
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Garrett	Organization	\$ Approved
	Garrett County Sheriff's Office	\$ 18,000.00
	MSP-McHenry Barrack	\$ 7,000.00
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Harford	Organization	\$ Approved
	Harford County Sheriff's Office	\$ 20,000.00
	MSP-Bel Air Barrack	\$ 10,000.00
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Howard	Organization	\$ Approved
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Washington	Organization	\$ Approved
	Washington County Sheriff's Office	\$ 9,000.00
	MSP-Hagerstown Barrack	\$ 14,000.00
	Hancock Police Department	\$ 3,000.00
		\$ 26,000.00
Wicomico	Organization	\$ Approved
	Wicomico County	\$ 14,000.00
	MSP-Salisbury	\$ 15,000.00
	Fruitland Police Department	\$ 1,200.00
		\$ 30,200.00
Worcester	Organization	\$ Approved
	Ocean City Police Department	\$ 18,652.00
	MSP-Berlin Barrack	\$ 1,000.00
	Town of Berlin	\$ 1,000.00
	Pocomoke City Police Department	\$ 1,200.00
		\$ 21,852.00
	Total	\$ 540,722.00



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State Commits More Than Half-a-Million Dollars To Protect Children Travelling to School

Thousands of Maryland Drivers Are Violating School Bus Safety Laws

There are stiff penalties in Maryland for drivers who pass a school bus when it has its stop arm displayed to load or unload children: a fine of \$570 and three points on the driver's record. However that hasn't deterred thousands of drivers who still ignore the STOP arm and illegally drive past school buses. According to a survey by the Maryland Department of Education, a total of 3,392 violations of school bus stop arms were recorded on a single day last spring.

This is big drop from 2011 when more than 7,000 violations were recorded. But even so GOCCP, the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention is helping law enforcement agencies drive that number down ever further. GOCCP today announced that 53 agencies from 22 jurisdictions will receive a total of \$540,722.00 to help make the trip to and from school safer for Maryland's children. The agencies are receiving these funds through the Maryland School Bus Safety Enforcement Fund (SBSE).

The overall goal of the program is to reduce the number of vehicles violating the school bus law. The grants can be used for police overtime to enforce the school bus safety laws or driver education activities such as broadcast or print public service announcements. To make the most of the funds available, funded agencies are encouraged to form partnerships with other agencies and community groups.

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EDITORS: A list of the agencies receiving the awards and the amount for each is attached.



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14 Jurisdictions Receive Grants to Increase Efficiency in Posting Ex Parte and Protective Orders

Funds Will Help Law Enforcement Units Move Quickly to Protect Vulnerable Residents

The Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention has announced grants totaling \$194,723 to help protect victims of domestic violence, under the state's Domestic Violence Unit Program (DVUP). It allows local sheriffs and police departments to create specialized units for service of ex partes and protective orders and update and maintain their domestic violence databases.

"Ex Parte and Protective orders are important tools that help keep our communities safe, and with this investment, we're continuing to work closely with local law enforcement throughout Maryland to ensure that victims of domestic violence have access to the protections they deserve," said Lt. Governor Anthony Brown. "None of our families are immune from the horrors of domestic violence, and we will not rest until each and every Marylander is safe in their home and free from fear in their community."

Protective orders are a key part of efforts to protect victims of domestic violence. If a court commissioner finds that there are reasonable grounds to believe that a respondent has abused a person eligible for relief, the commissioner may issue a protective order. A protective order is a court order that provides a domestic violence victim with certain forms of relief. A temporary protective order can be issued "ex parte," which means that the respondent is not present in court. A victim can enforce the order by alerting law enforcement and/or the courts of a violation.

The goal of this program is to reduce and/or minimize time between the issuance of *ex partes* and protective orders and their entry into law enforcement data bases. Once that process is complete, police have the legal authority to block one individual from harassing or even harming another. These resources enhance existing service efforts and meet court guidelines for efficiency and promptness.

Grant funds requested through this application are limited to programs directly related to the service and data entry of protective orders and/or *ex partes*. Funding supports efforts to respond 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Funds must be used on services that are directly related to protective order operations, (i.e., salaries and overtime). The funds must supplement existing data entry and service for *ex parte* and protective orders and may not underwrite other existing programs or service.

EDITORS: a list of the jurisdictions receiving these awards, and the amount for each is attached.

Domestic Violence Unit Program Awards, FY 2015					
Implementing Agency	County	Amount			
Anne Arundel County Sheriff's Office	Anne Arundel County	\$19,425			
Baltimore Police Department	Baltimore City	\$37,816			
Baltimore County Sheriff's Office	Baltimore County	\$6,196			
Baltimore County Police Department	Baltimore County	\$26,132			
Calvert County Sheriff's Office	Calvert County	\$1,560			
Carroll County Sheriff's Office	Carroll County	\$5,446			
Charles County Sheriff's Office	Charles County	\$3,000			
Dorchester County Sheriff's Office	Dorchester County	\$1,683			
Frederick County Sheriff's Office	Frederick County	\$6,621			
Howard County Sheriff's Office	Howard County	\$4,654			
Kent County Board of County Commissioners	Kent County	\$625			
Montgomery County Sheriff's Office	Montgomery County	\$14,985			
Prince George's County Office of the Sheriff	Prince George's County	\$55,314			
Hagerstown Police Department	Washington County	\$7,615			
Wicomico County Sheriff's Office	Wicomico County	\$3,651			
	Total	\$194,723			

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Victim Services Grants Awarded To 38 Maryland Organizations

Funds Total More Than One-Million Dollars

The Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention (GOCCP) and the Maryland State Board of Victim Services today announced awards to more than two dozen state organizations that provide services to victims of crime. These funds, totaling \$1,199,200, are first year and "continuation" grants: each award recipient is receiving a first, second or third year of funding to support its program. The recipients serve Marylanders in communities from Western Maryland to the Eastern Shore.

"This investment provides Marylanders who are victims of crime with the services and resources they need," said Lt. Governor Anthony Brown. "Although we've driven down violent crime to the lowest levels in nearly four decades, thousands of families throughout our state are still affected, and we will not rest until every Marylander is safe in their home and in their community."

The grants are awarded under the Maryland Victims of Crime (MVOC) Fund. MVOC supports programs that serve victims of crime in Maryland. Each project addresses a wide variety of problems, among them: funding for forensic evidence collection services for sexual assault victims; assisting victims as they obtain peace and protective orders; providing crime victims with legal counsel in the criminal justice system; linking mental health professionals with available services; training to local and state criminal justice agencies and non-profits; and supporting lethality assessment programs in cases of domestic violence. These projects all address the needs of the underserved crime victim and witness population, including assistance for Spanish speaking victims.

The MVOC Fund was created by the Maryland General Assembly during the 1991 Legislative Session and is administered under the Maryland State Board of Victims' Services, under the authority of GOCCP. The Board's purpose is to develop a comprehensive and coordinated system of victim services throughout the criminal justice process. Its mission is to ensure that all

crime victims in the State of Maryland are treated with dignity and compassion through comprehensive victim services, support and programs.

In addition to the awards under the MVOC program, grants of \$75,000 each from the Legal Services for Crime Victims (LSCV) fund have been given to two statewide organizations. The funds will help provide legal representation for Maryland crime victims in the criminal court system. The two groups are the Sexual Assault Legal Institute (SALI) of the Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MCASA) and the program, Legal Representation for All Maryland Victims of All Crime Types, administered by the Maryland Crime Victims Resource Center.

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Editors: tables with the grants and jurisdictions are on the following pages.

Maryland Victims of Crime Funds – First Year Awards, July 2014 **PROJECT TITLE** COUNTY APPLICANT NAME **AMOUNT** YWCA of Annapolis and Anne Domestic Violence Anne Arundel \$17,466 Arundel County Legal Services Program House of Ruth Maryland, Inc. Domestic Violence **Baltimore City** \$33,807 Victim Outreach GBMC DV/SA 24/7 Greater Baltimore Medical Center Baltimore \$19,400 (GBMC) Intervention Program County THE ASSOCIATED: Jewish Legal Advocacy and Baltimore \$24,000 Lethality Assessment Community Federation of Baltimore County Program for Northwest Baltimore Heartly House, Inc. Orders of Protection Frederick \$35,000 Representation Project Domestic Violence Center of Howard Adult and Children's Howard \$19,230 County, Inc. Services for Victims of Crime Primary Care Coalition of Trauma-Focused Mental \$35,000 Montgomery Montgomery County Health Services for CAC Victims of Severe Child Abuse Court Appointed Special Advocate Community-Driven \$35,000 Prince (CASA) - Prince George's County, Inc Child Abuse Victim George's Advocacy Prince George's General Hospital Strangulation Response Prince \$35,000 (Dimensions Healthcare System) Project George's CASA of Queen Anne's and Kent Court Appointed \$30,497 Queen Anne's Special Advocates Counties Serving Child Victims in Cecil County Southern Maryland Center for Family Charles County Legal St. Mary's \$35,000 Assistance to Victims Advocacy Program Total \$319,400

Maryland Victims of Crime Funds – Continuation Awards July 2014				
Applicant	Project Title	Amount	Funding Year of	Jurisdictio n
YWCA of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County	Arden House Crisis Advocate	\$28,102	2	Anne Arundel
Baltimore Child Abuse Center, Inc.	Child Advocacy Center (CAC) Bilingual Forensic Interviewer	\$11,520	2	Baltimore City
Family & Children's Services of Central MD	Trauma Based Treatment Center	\$28,015	2	Baltimore City
Mayor's Office on Criminal Justice	Sex Offense Victim Advocacy	\$16,890	2	Baltimore City
Tahirih Justice Center	Direct Legal Services for Immigrant Women and Children Victims of Crime	\$30,163	2	Baltimore City
Mayor's Office on Criminal Justice	Death Notification Project	\$49,100	3	Baltimore City
Northwest Hospital Center	Lethality Assessment	\$35,000	3	Baltimore County
TurnAround, Inc.	Victim Advocacy	\$35,000	3	Baltimore County
Cecil County State's Attorney's Office	Victim Witness Coordinator	\$35,000	3	Cecil

Center for Children, Inc.	CAC Victim Advocate	\$32,000	2	Charles
Sexual Assault/Spouse Abuse Resource Center (SARC), Inc.	Protective Order Advocacy and Representation	\$30,833	3	Harford
HopeWorks, Inc.	Innovative Clinical Interventions	\$35,000	3	Howard
Kent County Dept. of Social Services	CAC Victim Advocate/Coord inator	\$17,402	2	Kent
Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence	Bilingual Victim Assistance Project	\$35,000	3	Kent, Caroline, Queen Anne's, Talbot, Dorchester
Family Services Agency Inc.	Trauma Therapy for Children in Domestic Violence	\$29,946	3	Montgome ry
Community Advocates for Family & Youth	Latino Initiative Program	\$26,998	2	Prince George's
Prince George's County Sherriff's Office	Special Victims Advocate	\$35,000	3	Prince George's
Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office	Victim Witness Coordinator	\$35,000	2	Prince George's
Queen Anne's County Dept. of Social Services	CAC Family/CARE Coordinator	\$35,000	2	Queen Anne's
St. Mary's County Dept. of Social Services	CAC Victim Advocacy Program for Child Victims of	\$17,028	3	St. Mary's

MD Crime Victims	Sexual and Physical Abuse and Neglect General	\$35,000	2	Statewide
Resource Center	Services	\$33,000	2	Statewide
MD Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MCASA), Inc.	Bilingual Advocate Support	\$30,152	2	Statewide
Talbot County Government	Victim Services	\$26,800	3	Talbot
Life Crisis Center, Inc.	Victim Advocate Program	\$22,351	2	Wicomico
The Cricket Center, Inc.	CAC Family Advocate	\$17,500	2	Worcester
	TOTAL	\$729,800		



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Governor's Commission to Reform Maryland's Pretrial System To Hold Meeting September 22nd

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MARYLAND MARKS 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT

GOCCP Kicks Off Domestic Violence Awareness Month by Celebrating Maryland's Milestones in the Effort to Combat Violence Against Women

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and in addition to raising public awareness about this senseless crime, Maryland and the nation will be commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). This federal legislation marked a turning point in the way the nation responded to victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse. Previously, victims often had to suffer in silence with no support and no recourse for services. But over the past two decades, under VAWA, that has changed.

In the coming days, the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP) will take to Twitter to highlight the milestones in Maryland's efforts to combat violence against women, many of which were made possible by VAWA. Follow along @GOCCP. Since VAWA was established, more than \$40 million dollars has been committed to helping victims of domestic abuse and sexual assault in Maryland. In the current fiscal year, VAWA funds total more than \$2 million and have helped establish shelters in every county in the state and Baltimore City.

Editors: the stories of two victims whose lives were changed by VAWA programs are attached.

"Together, we set and surpassed our goal to reduce violent crimes against women and children by 25 percent by 2012. These are major, life-saving accomplishments, and while we've made significant progress protecting and empowering victims and advocates, we still have more work to do," said Gov. Martin O'Malley. "Here in Maryland, protecting the public's safety and safeguarding families is our most sacred responsibility, and we will continue this essential, life-saving work until we completely eradicate domestic violence in our homes and in our communities."

"Over the last 20 years, the Violence Against Women Act has played a tremendous role in our efforts to reduce domestic violence and assist victims in Maryland and across the country," **said Lt. Gov. Anthony Brown.** "No family is immune to the horrors of domestic violence, but thanks to the critical funding provided by VAWA, we continue to make progress toward eliminating this senseless crime."

GOCCP is on social media. You can find us on http://www.twitter.com/goccp and on Facebook as goccpmd.

The primary purpose of the VAWA program is to support a multifaceted approach to responding to violence against women through the implementation of grant programs authorized by the federal law. In Maryland, successful partnerships among police, prosecutors, judges, victim advocates, health care providers, faith leaders and others, in combination with grants from GOCCP, provide victims with the protection and services they need to pursue safe and healthy lives, while improving our communities' capacity to hold offenders accountable for their crimes.

When a woman is abused or sexually assaulted, hotlines are available to help her find her way through the trauma. There are emergency shelters to provide a safe refuge for her and, if necessary, her children. She can receive counseling from trained and compassionate professionals in the first, critical hours after an assault, and in the days and weeks that follow as she works to rebuild her life.

These non-profit groups have partnered with law enforcement and the criminal justice system to help assure the safety of the victim in a variety of ways. Initiatives such as the Lethality Assessment Program help police determine the needs of a victim quickly and provide immediate connections to victim service providers. Dedicated domestic violence and sexual assault personnel in law enforcement and prosecution investigate and prepare cases and victims for court. Maryland stakeholders and advocates are trained in best practices in domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and strangulation.

"The Violence Against Women Act was a milestone for this country, and has been instrumental in Maryland's programs to help survivors of domestic violence," **said Tammy Brown, GOCCP's Executive Director.** "Countless lives have been saved, and because of VAWA funding, many families have been able to get the treatment and support they need to heal after the trauma of domestic violence and sexual assault."

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Client Success Stories – Hope House Howard County

<u>Mia</u>

Mia came to this country to marry the man that would then become her abuser. Although they courted via Internet for two years, the picture painted of her life in America was very different when she got here. Mia was not allowed to leave the house, expected to serve the family as a servant, and was prohibited from cooking her traditional foods and speaking to her son in her native language. One day Mia got the nerve to escape from the house and despite not speaking any English, found her way to HopeWorks. Hope Works sheltered Mia and her son for an extended amount of time. Staff connected her with resources that could assist her with her immigration status and provided funds for her and her son to take English classes. HopeWorks also closely worked with other community nonprofits to secure permanent housing for Mia. Now Mia and her son live free and independent lives while she works and the son completes high school.

Trudy

Trudy had been a victim of domestic violence and came to Howard County General Hospital to receive medical care as a result of injuries caused by the violence. HopeWorks sent an advocate to meet her at the hospital to offer support and connect her to available resources. She declined the offer. The next month, Trudy came to the hospital again with new injuries from another violent incident. Hope Works again sent an advocate to the hospital to provide crisis response services. Trudy couldn't believe that we were there again and were still willing to work with her. She decided that it was time to leave and upon discharge came to stay in our shelter. Since Trudy began her healing journey, she has utilized many of the services that HopeWorks has to offer — hospital advocacy, emergency shelter, legal services and counseling. She still has a way to go to determine what her next steps will be in creating a new life for herself, but she always points out that she never knew help was available until we walked in the door.



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State Awards Over \$300,000 For Local Response to Child Abuse Cases Funds Support the Institutional and Individual Responses to Abused and Neglected Children

The State of Maryland today announced a total of \$331,654 in grant funding to 18 Maryland organizations to improve the judicial, administrative and investigative handling of child abuse and neglect cases. The grants are awarded by the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention and the Children's Justice Act Committee (CJAC) under the federal Children's Justice Act (CJA) grant program of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The CJAC, a federally mandated Task Force under the grant program, completes a comprehensive assessment every three years and makes funding recommendations to GOCCP. The goal is to protect vulnerable children while successfully developing information to prosecute suspected abusers. This is done primarily through training for professionals and volunteers who respond to suspected child abuse cases to interview children who have been victimized.

The funds support efforts to investigate and prosecute cases of child abuse or neglect, cases of sexual child abuse and neglect or fatalities that may be linked to those offenses. Recipients may also use grant funds for the investigation of cases involving children with disabilities or serious health-related problems who are suspected victims of child abuse and neglect, and suspected cases of child human trafficking, as well as child abuse victims who may be immigrants or LGBTQ youth.

These grants include funding spent this year on the ChildFirst program, an innovative and intensive five-day course specifically designed for law enforcement officers, prosecutors and child abuse professionals. The ChildFirst program teaches these professionals how to conduct skillful and sensitive forensic interviews of child sexual abuse victims to provide evidence that will be used in court.

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Applicant	Implementing	Amount	County	Project Title
CASA of Allegany County	CASA of Allegany County	\$24,800	Allegany	CASA Advocacy and Expansion
Anne Arundel County	Anne Arundel County Police Department	3,622	Anne Arundel	Child Abuse Training
Baltimore Child Abuse Center	Baltimore Child Abuse Center	51,964	Baltimore City	Mandated Reporter Training
CASA of Baltimore, Inc.	CASA of Baltimore, Inc.	42,204	Baltimore City	Improving CASA Services
Carroll County Board of County Commissioners	Carroll County Sheriff's Office	3,564	Carroll	CCAIC Training Enhancement
CASA of Caroline, Inc.	CASA of Caroline, Inc.	11,986	Caroline	Enhancing CASA Services
Cecil County	Cecil County Department of Social Services	3,490	Cecil	Child Advocacy Center Training
Center for Children, Inc.	Center for Children, Inc.	13,750	Charles	Extending CASA – Peer Supervisor Model Pilot
Mental Health Assoc. of Frederick County	Mental Health Association of Frederick County	32,208	Frederick	Voices for Children
Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) of Harford County, Inc.	Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) of Harford County, Inc.	12,000	Harford	Transition Age Youth Initiative
Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) - Montgomery County	Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) - Montgomery County Maryland Inc.	6,500	Montgomery	CASA Volunteer Recruitment & Training

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Applicant	Implementing	Amount	County	Project Title
Primary Care Coalition of Montgomery County	Primary Care Coalition of Montgomery County	3,260	Montgomery	Multi-Disciplinary Team Training
Community Advocates for Family & Youth	Community Advocates for Family & Youth	31,366	Prince George's	Youth Court Education
Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) - Prince George's County, Inc.	Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) - Prince George's County, Inc.	17,910 Prince George	Prince George's	Volunteer Recruitment and Training
Queen Anne's County Department of Social Services	Queen Anne's County Department of Social Services	3,029	Queen Anne's	Enhancing Victim Advocacy and Trauma-Sensitive Services
Talbot County Department of Social Services	Talbot County Department of Social Services	3,820	Talbot	TCCAC Multi-Disciplinary Team Improvement
Wicomico County Department of Social Services	Wicomico County Department of Social Services	7,444	Wicomico	Child Advocacy Center and Community Training
Department of Public Safety & Correctional Services	Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commission	58,737 Carroll	Carroll	Child First
	TOTAL	\$331,654		

2014 STOP VAWA Grantees (Grants started October 1, 2014 and will end September 30, 2015)

	Implementing Organization	Project Title	County	Award Amount
1	Anne Arundel County State's Attorney's Office	Danger Assessment Advocate	Anne Arundel	\$20,000.00
2	Asian Pacific Islander- Domestic Violence Resource Project	Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services	State-wide	\$10,000.00
3	Associated Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of Baltimore	Immigration Legal Services	Baltimore City	\$35,000.00
4	Atlantic General Hospital Corporation	Sexual Assault Forensics Examination (SAFE) Victims	Worcester	\$18,000.00
5	Baltimore Child Abuse Center, Inc.	Multidisciplinary Response to Sexual Assault	Baltimore City	\$25,986.00
6	Baltimore County Department of Social Services	Court Advocate	Baltimore County	\$22,727.00
7	Baltimore County State's Attorney's Office	Felony and Special Victims' Domestic Violence Prosecutor	Baltimore County	\$65,000.00
8	Baltimore Police Department	Domestic Violence/Witness Liaison		\$80,000.00
9	Mayor's Office on Criminal Justice (MOCJ)	Lethality Assessment	Baltimore City	\$60,000.00
10	Calvert County Sheriff's Office	Domestic Violence Court Deputy	Calvert	\$48,140.00
11	Carroll County Sheriff's Office	Domestic Violence Unit	Carroll	\$25,000.00
12	Carroll County State's Attorney's Office	Domestic Violence Prosecution	Carroll	\$55,453.00
13	CASA Citizens Assisting and Sheltering the Abused, Inc.	Sexual Assault Victims' Services	Washington	\$27,000.00
14	CASA Citizens Assisting and Sheltering the Abused, Inc.	Domestic Violence Victim Services	Washington	\$11,000.00
15	Cecil County Department of Social Services	Family Violence Coordinating Council	Cecil	\$22,000.00
16	Center for a Healthy Maryland	Hospital and Healthcare Training	Baltimore City	\$5,000.00
17	Center for Abused Persons	Domestic Violence Counseling Services	Charles	\$9,850.00
18	Westminster Police Department	First Step	Carroll	\$30,000.00
19	Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Resource Center (Dove Center)	Safety and Intervention Initiative	Garrett	\$19,735.00
20	Family & Children's Services of Central MD	Lethality Assessment Response	Carroll	\$14,000.00
21	Family & Children's Services of Central MD	Lethality Assessment Response	Baltimore County	\$24,000.00
22	Family & Children's Services of Central MD	Domestic Violence Court Advocacy	Baltimore County	\$9,000.00

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23	Family Crisis Center of	Enhanced Victim Intervention	Baltimore	\$24,300.00
	Baltimore County, Inc.	Services	County	
24	Family Crisis Resource Center, Inc.	Family Violence Council	Allegany	\$13,779.00
25	Family Crisis Resource Center, Inc.	Crisis Intervention	Allegany	\$38,547.00
26	For All Seasons, Inc.	Bilingual Victim Advocate	Talbot	\$20,000.00
27	Frederick Memorial Healthcare System	Forensic Nurse Examiners Training	Frederick	\$20,126.00
28	Garrett County Sheriff's Office	Rural Victim	Garrett	\$35,000.00
29	Greater Baltimore Medical Center (GBMC)	Domestic Violence Services	Baltimore County	\$10,000.00
30	Greater Baltimore Medical Center (GBMC)	SAFE	Baltimore County	\$10,000.00
31	CASA Citizens Assisting and Sheltering the Abused, Inc.	Coordination of Domestic Violence Services	Washington	\$4,817.00
32	Hagerstown Police Department	Lethality Assessment Coordinator	Washington	\$20,000.00
33	Heartly House, Inc.	Victim Services	Frederick	\$38,208.00
34	HopeWorks of Howard County, Inc.	Legal Assistant and Counseling Services	Howard	\$45,000.00
35	HopeWorks of Howard County, Inc.	Advocacy Services	Howard	\$9,413.00
36	House of Ruth Maryland, Inc.	Domestic Violence Services	Baltimore City	\$124,634.00
37	Howard County General Hospital	Sexual Assault Forensic Examination and Treatment	Howard	\$9,518.00
38	Howard County State's Attorney's Office	Domestic Violence Legal Assistant	Howard	\$45,000.00
39	Legal Aid Bureau, Inc., Main Headquarters	Enhanced Domestic Violence Legal Representation	Baltimore City	\$45,000.00
40	Life Crisis Center, Inc.	Lower Shore Legal Services	Wicomico	\$29,000.00
41	LifeStyles of Maryland Foundation, Inc.	Victim Services	State-wide	\$6,000.00
42	Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Inc. (MCASA)	Underserved Populations and Sexual Assault	State-wide	\$26,076.00
43	Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Inc. (MCASA)	Sexual Assault Services	State-wide	\$77,978.00
44	Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center, Inc.	Legal Representation	Prince George's	\$25,527.00
45	Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS)	PREA Coordination	Baltimore County	\$123,828.00
46	Maryland Judiciary Department of Family Administration	Protective Order Advocacy and Representation	State-wide	\$117,310.00

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47	Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence	Capacity Building for Domestic Violence Services	State-wide	\$42,120.00
48	Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence	Expanded Services	State-wide	\$47,019.00
49	Mercy Medical Center	Domestic Violence	Baltimore City	\$18,000.00
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49	Mercy Medical Center	Domestic Violence	Baltimore City	\$18,000.00
50	Mercy Medical Center	Perinatal Advocacy	Baltimore City	\$9,000.00
51	Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence	Bilingual Mental Health Services	Caroline	\$52,144.00
52	Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence	Case Manager	Caroline	\$47,430.00
53	Montgomery County Dept. of Health & Human Services	Lethality Assessment Advocate	Montgomery	\$30,000.00
54	Montgomery County Sheriff's Office	Protective Order Enforcement	Montgomery	\$42,500.00
55	Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office	Domestic Violence Prosecutor	Montgomery	\$60,000.00
56	MSBC Five Star Program, Inc. The Renaissance Center	Trauma-Informed Counseling	Baltimore County	\$6,000.00
57	Northwest Hospital Center	Forensic Nurse Examiner	Baltimore County	\$10,000.00
58	Northwest Hospital Center	Lethality Assessment	Baltimore County	\$19,055.00
59	Prince George's County Office Of The Sheriff	Special Victims' Advocate	Prince George's	\$35,000.00
60	Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office	Domestic Violence Prosecution/Victim Advocate	Prince George's	\$95,001.00
61	Sexual Assault/Spouse Abuse Resource Center, Inc. (SARC)	Essential Victim Services	Harford	\$27,152.00
62	Sexual Assault/Spouse Abuse Resource Center, Inc. (SARC)	Immigration and LEP Legal Assistance	Harford	\$10,000.00
63	Sinai Hospital of Baltimore, Inc.	Group Intervention and Crisis Response Services	Baltimore City	\$17,685.00
64	Southern Maryland Center for Family Advocacy	Victim Advocate	St. Mary's	\$22,305.00
65	Tahirih Justice Center	Legal Services for Immigrant Women Survivors	Baltimore City	\$19,440.00
66	Tahirih Justice Center	Holistic Social Services	Baltimore City	\$9,720.00
67	TurnAround, Inc. (Baltimore County)	Trauma Therapy	Baltimore County	\$30,569.00
68	TurnAround, Inc. (Baltimore County)	Emergency Victim Advocate	Baltimore County	\$42,378.00
69	University of Maryland - University Health Center	CARE to Stop Violence	Prince George's	\$10,000.00

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70	Women's Law Center of Maryland, Inc.	Domestic Violence Legal Services	Baltimore County	\$20,000.00
71	Women's Law Center of Maryland, Inc.	Protection Order Advocacy and Representation Project	Baltimore County	\$38,880.00
72	Worcester County Health Department	Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Prevention	Worcester	\$7,500.00
73	YWCA of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County	Bilingual Crisis Advocate	Anne Arundel	\$14,850.00
	\$2,339,699.00			



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Governor's Commission to Reform Maryland's Pretrial System To Hold Meeting October 22nd

The Governor's Commission to Reform Maryland's Pretrial System will hold its fourth full Commission meeting on Wednesday, October 22, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 145 of the House Office Building, 6 Bladen Street, Annapolis, Maryland, 21401.

The Commission was established by Governor Martin O'Malley when he issued an Executive Order on May 27, 2014. Members of the Commission are examining the pretrial justice system in Maryland, looking at best practices from around the country, and assessing the use of an objective risk assessment tool to inform pretrial release determinations.

In 2012, the Commission to Study the Laws and Policies Relating to Representation of Indigent Criminal Defendants by the Office of the Public Defender recommended that the State implement a validated risk assessment tool and establish a statewide pretrial system in Maryland. The Governor's Commission to Reform Maryland's Pretrial System will build on this previous Commission's recommendations, and move the reform process forward.

The Commission will issue its final report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Delegates by December 1, 2014. Additional information on the Commission and its responsibilities can be found at: http://goccp.maryland.gov/pretrial/

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Governor's Commission to Reform Maryland's Pretrial System To Hold Meeting November 11th

The Governor's Commission to Reform Maryland's Pretrial System will hold its fifth full Commission meeting on Tuesday, November 11, at 1:30 p.m. in the Governor's Reception Room on the second floor of the State House, 100 State Circle, Annapolis, Maryland, 21401.

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New Website Informs the Public About Human Trafficking Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force Creates <u>www.mdhumantrafficking.org</u>

www.goccp.maryland.gov

The Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force (MHTTF) has an additional tool in its arsenal and an important resource for the public: a new website that provides information, news stories and contacts for anyone who is interested in the problem of human trafficking in Maryland. The website, www.mdhumantrafficking.org, is designed to be comprehensive and easily accessible for students, parents, citizens - anyone who wants to understand what human trafficking is, how prevalent it is in Maryland, and what can be done to find its victims, restore their lives, and apprehend and hold traffickers accountable for this vicious crime.

"This website provides accurate information regarding how human trafficking is affecting Maryland, and how Maryland is responding to human trafficking," said Amanda Rodriguez, the Manager of Domestic Violence & Human Trafficking Policy for the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention. "It provides information about the state task force and other regional task forces throughout Maryland, and how Maryland agencies and non-profit organizations are working to recover victims and prosecute traffickers."

The Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force was formed in 2007 as a collaborative effort with the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Attorney General of Maryland, and the State's Attorney for Baltimore City. Since then it has evolved into a multidisciplinary team of agencies and organizations committed to a victim-centered approach in the fight against human trafficking in Maryland.

GOCCP has joined forces with the Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force to organize a Governor's Conference on Combating Human Trafficking in Maryland for the past three years, and is planning a fourth Conference in the spring of 2015. These conferences have helped to lay the groundwork for a statewide agency approach to helping victims and prosecuting traffickers. "So far this year," says Rodriguez, "as many as 100 survivors have been identified and given services, including health care, therapy, housing and education."

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Human Trafficking Conference To Be Held Saturday, January 31 at Towson University

Learn how we can protect our community members from human trafficking

Human trafficking – the enslavement of teenagers, children, women and men in sex and labor trafficking – is a harsh reality in Maryland. This conference will help the public understand what human trafficking is, how to stop it, and how to protect our children from becoming victims of it.

This is a joint initiative of the Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force, the Baltimore County Commission for Women, the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention, and the Baltimore County Human Relations Commission.

WHAT: The Maryland Freedom Conference

ADMISSION: Free

WHERE: Towson University, West Village Commons

8000 York Road, Towson, MD 21252

WHEN: Saturday, January 31, 2015

8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

REGISTER: online at https://mdfreedom.eventbrite.com

Topics planned for the conference include:

- A Fundamental Understanding of Human Trafficking
- Domestic Violence & Human Trafficking: A Community Approach
- Labor Trafficking in Maryland
- Human Trafficking Prevention: Resources for Parents
- Human Trafficking and LGBTQ Youth
- Empowering Faith Communities to Stand Against Trafficking
- Innocence Stolen: Protecting Our Children on Social Media

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Final Report Issued by Governor's Pre-Trial Commission

The Governor's Commission to Reform Maryland's Pretrial System issued its final report today, containing 14 recommendations.

Among its recommendations, the Commission recommended that the State move toward a uniform pretrial services agency to ensure continuity and consistency across the state. Toward this same end, the Commission also recommended the implementation of best practices in pretrial services, including the development of a locally validated risk assessment instrument and pretrial supervision of defendants.

Other recommendations address the use of cash bail, prosecutorial screening, criminal citations, a shared jail management system, and audio/visual equipment for bail hearings. The Commission also evaluated the use of the appointed attorneys required by the *DeWolfe v. Richmond Court* decision

As part of the work of the Commission, members voted to approve a study that looked at the risk levels of a sample of Maryland defendants booked in six jurisdictions over a two-week period. The results of the study showed a general correlation between risk level and release decisions by District Court Commissioners and judges. The results also showed that despite this correlation, there was no relationship between risk level and bond amounts that were set by the court. Furthermore, the most common charge was failing to appear in court in another case. While the study provided valuable findings about Maryland's pretrial system, there is still further study and evaluation needed to address remaining issues, including high risk individuals who are able to pay bond to secure their release.

The Governor's Commission to Reform Maryland's Pretrial System was established by Executive Order 01.01.2014.08 on May 27, 2014 to gather experts and interested parties, with the goal of developing recommendations to ensure that Maryland operated the best possible statewide pretrial system. The Commission met five times and also formed three subcommittees related to *Managing Public Safety through Risk-Based Decision Making, Pretrial System Improvement, and Individual Rights and Collateral Consequences*.